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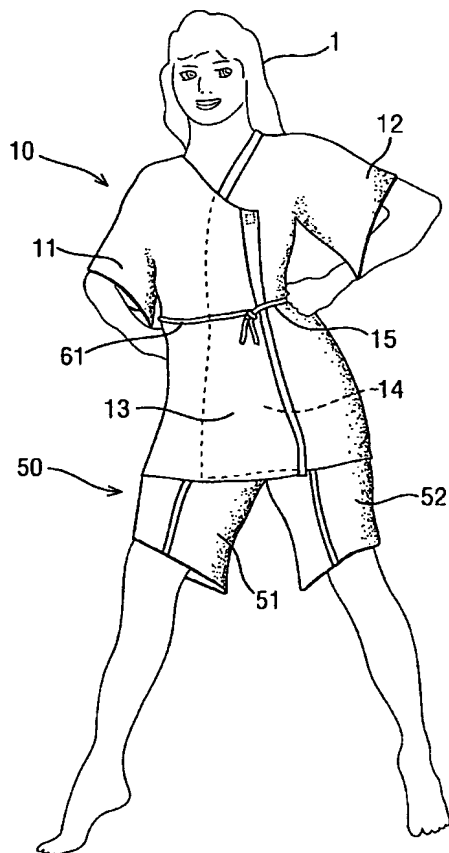
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(57) **Abstract:** The disclosure relates to the field of medical equipment and relates particularly to clothing for hospital patients who may undergo physical examination or surgical procedures. The present invention seeks to provide medical clothing which allows easy access to the patient's body for the purpose of examination, treatment or surgery but which also provides coverage akin to normal clothing so that the patient does not feel inhibited or exposed. According to one aspect of the present invention there is provided medical clothing for a patient, comprising a gown formed with two arm apertures and an open front portion, which is arranged to close around the patient's torso by overlapping of respective sides thereof, and means of fastening the respective sides in an overlapped position. Preferably, each arm aperture is provided with releasable fastening means for reducing or enlarging the extent of the arm aperture. Beneficially, the arm aperture fastening means may be located in an under-arm portion of the arm aperture. According to another aspect of the invention there is provided medical clothing for the lower body of a patient, which clothing is configured as a pair of trousers having a waist portion and two leg portions, which trousers are provided with a releasably fastenable access cut which extends from the waist portion to an end cuff of one leg portion, thereby permitting access to the covered portion of the patient's groin and corresponding leg by unfastening of the cut.

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